

Senate File 254 - Introduced

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BY CHAPMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting certain licensed health care professionals
2 from inquiring about a patient's or client's ownership or
3 possession of firearms and making penalties applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147.85A Inquiry about firearm
2 ownership or possession prohibited.

3 A person licensed to practice a profession under this
4 chapter shall not inquire about or otherwise request
5 information about a patient's or client's ownership or
6 possession of firearms.

EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill prohibits a person licensed under Code chapter 147
11 (health-related professions) from inquiring about or otherwise
12 requesting information about a patient's or client's ownership
13 or possession of firearms. A person violating the bill is
14 guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is
15 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
16 of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875.

17 A person licensed under Code chapter 147 includes a
18 physician and surgeon, podiatric physician, osteopathic
19 physician and surgeon, physician assistant, psychologist,
20 chiropractor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, dental
21 assistant, optometrist, speech pathologist, audiologist,
22 pharmacist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant,
23 occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant,
24 orthotist, prosthetist, pedorthist, respiratory care
25 practitioner, practitioner of cosmetology arts and sciences,
26 practitioner of barbering, funeral director, dietitian, marital
27 and family therapist, mental health counselor, respiratory
28 care and polysomnography practitioner, polysomnographic
29 technologist, social worker, massage therapist, athletic
30 trainer, acupuncturist, nursing home administrator, hearing aid
31 specialist, or sign language interpreter or transliterator.